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THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND SUMMARY WAS PREPARED BY THE
ELECTION COMMITTEE. [REDACTED] CONCURS:

1. CONGRESSIONAL INSCRIPTIONS CLOSED NOV 2 WITH 750
CANDIDATES, INCLUDING 170 CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, 130 NACIONALES,
AND 70 COMMUNISTS. IN LIMITED NUMBER OF COMPENSATION PACTS
SOCIALISTS GOT MORE FROM COMMUNISTS THAN THEY GAVE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO INDICATION OF QUID

PRO QUO. USP HAS CANDIDATES IN ALMOST EVERY DISTRICT IN
EFFORT WEAKEN PS.

2. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS HAVE LARGEST NATIONAL CAMPAIGN
FUND, WHICH APPARENTLY WILL BE CONTROLLED PRINCIPALLY BY FREI
AND HIS ASSOCIATES. THIS WILL BE USED FOR CENTRALIZED

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CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY, TRANSPORTATION, AND SELECTIVE INDIVIDUAL FUNDING. MONEDA RPT MONEDA BASE PROPAGANDA CENTER ALREADY ESTABLISHED. DESPITE RELATIVE WEALTH, SOME PDC CANDIDATES LACK ADEQUATE FINANCING DUE TO SIZE OF PDC LIST AND COSTLY CAMPAIGN. ONLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FINAL PDC LIST IS JDC CANDILLO RPT CANDILLO RODRIGO AMBROSIO'S WITHDRAWAL FROM BIO BIO RACE; OSTENSIBLE REASON IS RECENT DEATH OF HIS FATHER.

3. PR LACKS FIRM CENTRAL ORGANIZATION (ANSELMO SULE, WHO PROVIDED MUCH OF THIS COHESION WHILE PR SYG, IS OCCUPIED ALMOST FULL TIME WITH CAMPAIGN AND IS AT ODDS WITH PR PRESIDENT MIRANDA) AND APPARENTLY HAS PROBLEM FINANCING EVEN ITS CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES FROM CEN. THE PR LIST IS A MIXED BAG, INCLUDING CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF MODERATES.

4. PN SEEKING TO CAPITALIZE ON FORMER PRESIDENT JORGE ALESSANDRI'S NAME BY RUNNING TWO OF HIS NAMESAKES IN SANTIAGO. THOUGH PN WANTED TO ORGANIZE BIG ALESSANDRI DEMONSTRATION ON FOURTH ANNIVERSARY HIS DEPARTURE FROM GOVERNMENT, EX-PRESIDENT SQUELCHED PLAN. IN VARIOUS AREAS PN HAD DIFFICULTY PRESENTING ATTRACTIVE LIST. WHILE MANY CANDIDATES, INCLUDING PN, COMPLAIN OF INADEQUATE FUNDS, STRONGER PN STANDARD-BEARERS

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SHOULD FIND AMPLE FINANCING.

5. RANKING PDCERS APPEAR OPTIMISTIC PARTY'S CHANCES NEXT MARCH. THIS EXUBERANCE FLOWS, IN PART, FROM ENTHUSIASM GENERATED BY FREISTA SERGIO MERINO'S IMPRESSIVE TRIUMPH IN LAST JULY'S CAUTIN BY-ELECTION. HUSTLE OF PDCERS WHO DON'T WISH TO BECOME UNEMPLOYED IN 1970, INFLUENCE OF GOVERNMENT, AND PRESENT, THOUGH AT TIMES UNEASY, UNITY WITHIN PDC AND BETWEEN PARTY AND FREI ALL CONTRIBUTE TO THIS OPTIMISM. ELECTION TEAM NOTES PDC SLIPPAGE WITHIN MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASS, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC WEAKNESS IN LABOR FIELD, AND DEBATES ON "VIA NO CAPITALISTA" AND ON POSSIBLE ALLIANCE WITH COMMUNISTS AS DETRIMENTAL TO PDC ELECTORAL PROSPECTS. AGRARIAN REFORM, LAW AND ORDER ISSUE, INCREASING COST OF GOVERNMENT, AND HIGHER RATE OF INFLATION ALL TOUCH NERVES OF AT LEAST ONE IMPORTANT SECTOR CHILEAN SOCIETY. WITH GOVERNMENT ALREADY COMMITTED TO LESS THAN 100 PER CENT WAGE REAJUSTE AND FACING PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH EXTRAORDINARY DROUGHT, (PLUS RECENT HEAVY DAMAGING FROSTS IN WINE GROWING AREAS) ITS STABILIZATION AND RELATED PROGRAMS ARE NOT EASY TO RESOLVE. INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT APPEARS LIKELY.

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6. FREI'S PROGRAM, AND PRESIDENT FREI PERSONALLY, ARE TWO OF PDC'S GREATEST ASSETS IN FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. FREI'S DIRECT MOVES TO DEFINE UNMISTAKEABLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIS CONCEPT OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY AND COMMUNISM RUFFLING SOME FEATHERS WITHIN PARTY. IT IS POSSIBLE FREI WILL PROVOKE DELIBERATELY MORE CLEAR CUT CHOICE FOR PDC IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

7. THE PDC CONVENTION IN CARTAGENA RESULTED IN SHOW OF UNITY OVER SUPPORT OF PARTY ACTIONS LAST FOUR YEARS AND WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY SPEECH OF PARTY PRESIDENT FUENTEALBA IN BA IN

WHICH WARNED COMMUNISTS NOT ATTEMPT DEALING WITH FACTIONS IN PDC BUT RATHER ANY DISCUSSIONS FOR COOPERATION BE AT PARTY LEADERSHIP LEVEL. ALSO EMPHASIZED CONTINUATION PDC PROGRAM TO NEXT STAGE OF CHANGING STRUCTURE OF COUNTRY BY REPLACING CAPITALISM WITH COMMUNITARIANISM.

8. A MAJOR STRENGTH OF PDC IS DISSENSION AND LACK OF CLEAR DIRECTION WITHIN OPPOSITION. PN, WHICH STILL SUFFERS FROM TRADITIONAL LIBERAL VERSUS CONSERVATIVE PARTY ANTAGONISMS, DRAWS ITS PRINCIPAL HOPE FROM ALESSANDRI'S PROPOSED "INDEPENDENT" PRESIDENTIAL RACE AND HAS, AS ANOTHER COMMON DENOMINATOR,

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DISTASTE FOR THINGS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC. IT SHOULD INCREASE ITS VOTE IN THE NEXT MARCH ELECTIONS, BUT THE PN, SAVE FOR A LOOSE GROUPING OF THE RIGHT, HAS NO CLEARLY DEFINED NEXUS. THE PN HOPES TO FILL SOME OF THE VOID LEFT IN THE POLITICAL CENTER BY PDC AND PR IDEOLOGICAL FLIRTATIONS WITH THE FAR LEFT. IT SHOULD GAIN SIGNIFICANTLY IN MARCH.

9. THE PR ALSO EXPECTS TO REGISTER AN INCREASE IN MARCH: THIS WOULD COME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PDC, THE PR, IN TURN, WILL LOSE SOME OF ITS VOTERS TO THE PN. ON BALANCE WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ITS POPULAR STRENGTH. THE PR SUFFERS FROM SLOPPY DIRECTION, UNPROFESSIONAL TACTICS, AND SECOND-RATE PERSONNEL. CRITICISM OF THE PRESENT CEN OFTEN FOCUSES LESS ON PRINCIPLE OF ITS TACTIC OF SNUGGLING UP TO THE COMMUNISTS THAN ON THE LACK, TO DATE, OF VISIBLE BENEFITS FROM THIS POLICY. THE FLURRY OVER THE CZECH INVASION AND THE WIDELY PUBLICIZED "REVOLT" OF SOME RADICAL WOMEN PROBABLY WILL HAVE LITTLE LASTING IMPACT. PERHAPS OF MORE IMPORTANCE WAS THE VIOLATION OF RADICAL PRINCIPLES OF ACCOMODATION WITH DIVERSE VIEWS.

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10. CONTINUING INDICATION THAT JORGE ALESSANDRI MAKING STRONG EFFORTS CUT INTO RADICAL PARTY RANKS BY FUNDING CERTAIN RADICAL CANDIDATES AND DISCUSSING WITH HIS SUPPORTERS INSIDE RADICAL PARTY THE NEED FOR SPLITTING RADICALS IN JUNE 1969 IF PARTY LEADERSHIP DOES NOT SUPPORT HIS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY.

11. PCCH, AS USUAL, TIGHTLY ORGANIZED AND PROFESSIONAL IN ITS CAMPAIGN EFFORTS. UNFLAGGING PCCH SUPPORT FOR CZECH INVASION PROBABLY WILL HAVE SOME IMPACT ON "FLOATING VOTE" BUT PROSPECTS GOOD THAT PCCH SHOW AT LEAST SOME MINIMAL INCREASE IN MARCH. PCCH HAS MADE RELATIVELY GENEROUS COMPENSATION PACTS WITH PS COVERING A FEW AREAS, BUT PCCH DENIED PS FOR LARGER NUMBER OF PACTS PS DERIVED FOR ASSIST IN LATTER'S STRUGGLE WITH USP. PS, WEAKENED BY LAST YEAR'S SPLIT AND WRACKED BY INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS, IS EXPECTED TO DROP BELOW 1967 ELECTORAL MARK AND SLIP IN CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION. USP HAS INHERENT WEAKNESSES OF SPLINTER GROUP SEEKING REVENGE AGAINST PARENT BODY. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, USP HAS NO CHANCE TO ELECT ITS CANDIDATES, AND FUTURE AS VIABLE PARTY EXTREMELY DIM UNLESS, AT MINIMUM, AMPUERO CAN WIN UP HILL FLIGHT IN 10TH AGRUPACION.

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12. PSD FOCUSING ON THREE PRINCIPAL RACES, MAULE,
TALCA, AND CAUTIN; DEPUTY PATRICIO HURTADO, WITH PCCH, PS,
AND USP SUPPORT, HAS GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING. PADENA,
DESPITE LISTS IN MANY PROVINCES, IS MORIBUND AND MAY LOSE ITS
ONE DEPUTY.

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